



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 | 3:40 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary
Makelle Winger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Vice Chair Pulsipher called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 241 School Epilepsy Training Amendments (*Pulsipher, S.*)

Rep. Val Peterson assumed the chair.

Rep. Pulsipher presented the bill with the assistance of Rod Hamson, Executive Director, Epilepsy Foundation of America, Utah Chapter.

[Utah Seizure Safe School Talking Points](#)

Lisa Fifield, teacher, Davis School District spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth (Betty Sue) Hinkson, School Nurse Consultant, Utah Department to Health, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.B. 241 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

Vice Chair Pulsipher resumed the chair.

2. H.B. 251 School Dropout Prevention Amendments (*Peterson, K.*)

Rep. Karen Peterson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass H.B. 251 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

3. H.B. 113 Funding for Students with Disabilities (*Judkins, M.*)

Rep. Judkins presented the bill with the assistance of Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support, USBE.

Lexi Cunningham, Utah State Superintendent Association (USSA), Utah School Boards Association (USBA) spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Sarah Jones, Director, Government Relations, Utah Education Association (UEA) spoke in favor of the bill.

Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Advocate, Disability Law Center spoke in favor of the bill.

Steve Phelps, President, Special Education Advisory Panel spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Weight moved to amend H.B. 113 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Amendment 1
H.B. 113

1. Page 2, Line 57 through Page 3, Line 67:

57 (i) The special education student growth factor is calculated by comparing [S-3] total
58 special education [ADM of two years] average daily membership of one year previous to the
59 current year to the [S-3] total special education [ADM three] average daily membership two
60 years previous to the current year, not to exceed the official October total school district {or
61 charter school} growth factor from the prior year.

62 (ii) When calculating and applying the growth factor, a school district's [S-3] {or charter
63 school's} total special education [ADM] average daily membership for a given year is limited to
64 [12.18%] the following percentage of the school district's [S-3] {or charter school's} total student
65 [ADM] average daily membership for the same year[-]:

66 (A) for a school district {or charter school} in a county of the first, second, or third class.

67 14%; and

Yeas - 9

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to pass H.B. 113 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

4. H.B. 230 Refugee and Immigrant Student Policies Amendments (*Johnson, D.N.*)

Rep. Johnson presented the bill with the assistance of Olivia Whiteley, Western States Advocacy Officer, International Rescue Committee, Beverly Herrmann, Programs Administrator, Canyons School District, and Yassan Assad, high school student.

[HB 230 - Committee Presentation](#)

[Refuge Student Policies Amendments](#)

[HB230: Refugee and Immigrant Student Policies Amendments](#)

[Transcripts of students from Sao Paulo](#)

Mindy Layton, Utah Director, National Education Association (NEA) spoke in favor of the bill.

Mike Anderson, Associate Superintendent, Jordan School District spoke in favor of the bill.

Kristina Pexton, Family Life Commissioner, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) spoke in favor of the bill.

Susan Edwards, Public Engagement Coordinator, Canyons School District spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, Granite School District spoke in favor of the bill.

Mohamed Baayd, Member, Salt Lake City School District Board of Education spoke in favor of the bill.

Asha Parekh, Director, Refugee Services Office spoke in favor of the bill.

Meghan Maloney, Utah Muslim Civic League, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Weight moved to amend H.B. 230 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Amendment 1
H.B. 230

1. Page 6, Lines 158 through 160:

158 (ii) shall include at least one member who has completed the ~~{-child sexual abuse~~
159 ~~prevention}~~ instruction described in ~~{-Section 53G-9-207-}~~ Subsection 53G-9-207(3)(a), no more than two
years prior to the
160 member's appointment to the review team.

Yeas - 8

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass H.B. 230 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. B. Last
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Weight moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. J. Rohner
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

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Vice Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.